

III) REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, 22, and 26 have been amended in this application. In claims 1, 4, 9, 14, and 16 the mistyped word “field-oxide segment” has been amended to “field-oxide stripe”. In Claims 6, 22 and 26 the mistyped word “enclosed” has been amended to “encircled”.

Furthermore, the mistyped word “field-oxide segment” has been amended to “field-oxide stripe” in the summary of specification.

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS- 35 U.S.C. SECTION 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner is of the opinion that in claims 1 and 14, the recited “field-oxide segment” are without clear meaning.

To review the original specification and claim of this application, the different words “field-oxide segment” and “field-oxide stripe” were inadvertently used to represent one thing respectively in claim and in specification, which may have led to confusion. The term “field-oxide stripe” designates simply any thick segment of oxide, similar in thickness to that of a field oxide, but not does not surround and isolate the active area. So in claims 1 and 14 and their dependent claims 4, 9, and 16, the mistyped word “field-oxide segment” has been amended to “field-oxide stripe” whether in claim or specification. Therefore, this rejection has been traversed.

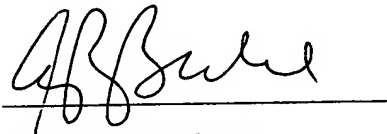
The Examiner is of the opinion that claim 26 recites the second arrays of islands without being enclosed by the doped region.

According to the original specification of this application, the specification page 10, line 21-23, the figures 6A and 6B show the second arrays of islands to be encircled by the doped region in top view. The second arrays of islands are distributed in drain region so in top view, the second arrays of islands are surrounded by the doped region. In other words, the second arrays of islands are indeed encircled by the first doped region. So in claim 6, 22 and 26 the mistyped word "enclosed" has been amended to "encircled ". Therefore, this rejection has been traversed.

Conclusion

In the light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, 22 and 26 as currently amended are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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